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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

ORDER OF JUDICIAL REMOVAL

- against -

Criminal Docket No. S7 21 Cr. 359 (LAK)

OSCAR GOMEZ ROMERO,

Defendant.

Upon the application of the United States of America, by Sarah L. Kushner and Alexander Li, Assistant United States Attorneys, Southern District of New York; upon the Factual Allegations in Support of Judicial Removal; upon the consent of OSCAR GOMEZ ROMERO (the "defendant"); and upon all prior proceedings and submissions in this matter; and full consideration having been given to the matter set forth herein, the Court finds:

- 1. The defendant is not a citizen or national of the United States.
- 2. The defendant is a native and citizen of COLOMBIA.
- 3. On or about July 19, 2023, the defendant was paroled into the United States for the purpose of criminal prosecution, pursuant to Section 212(d)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952, as amended, ("Act").
- 4. At the time of sentencing in the instant criminal proceeding, the defendant will be convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, of the following offense: participating in a conspiracy, from at least in or about May 2021 up to and including in or about September 2021, to (i) import five kilograms and more of cocaine into the United States; and (ii) manufacture, distribute, and possess with intent to distribute five kilograms or more of cocaine, intending, knowing, and

- having reasonable cause to believe that it would be unlawfully imported into the United States, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 963, 952(a), 959(a), 960(a)(1), 960(a)(3), and 960(b)(1)(B).
- 5. A total maximum sentence of life imprisonment may be imposed for the abovementioned offense.
- The defendant is subject to removal from the United States pursuant to: (1) Section 6. 212(a)(7)(A)(i)(I) of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952, as amended, (the "Act"), 8 U.S.C. § 1182(a)(7)(A)(i)(I), as an immigrant who, at the time of application for admission, is not in possession of a valid unexpired immigrant visa, reentry permit, border crossing card, or other valid entry document required by the Act, and a valid unexpired passport, or other suitable travel document, or document of identity and nationality as required under the regulations issued by the Attorney General under Section 211(a) of the Act; (2) Section 212(a)(2)(A)(i)(I) of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1182(a)(2)(A)(i)(I), as a noncitizen convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude (other than a purely political offense) or an attempt or conspiracy to commit such a crime; (3) Section 212(a)(2)(A)(i)(II) of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1182(a)(2)(A)(i)(II), as a noncitizen convicted of a violation of (or a conspiracy or attempt to violate) any law or regulation of a State, the United States, or a foreign country relating to a controlled substance (as defined in Section 802 of Title 21); (4) Section 212(a)(2)(C)(i) of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1182(a)(2)(C)(i), as a noncitizen who the consular officer or the Attorney General knows or has reason to believe is or has been an illicit trafficker in any controlled substance or in any listed chemical (as defined in Section 802 of Title 21), or is or has been a knowing aider, abettor,

assister, conspirator, or colluder with others in the illicit trafficking in any such controlled or listed substance or chemical, or endeavored to do so.

- 7. The defendant has waived his right to notice and a hearing under Section 238(c) of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1228(c).
- 8. The defendant has waived the opportunity to pursue any and all forms of relief and protection from removal.
- 9. The defendant has designated Colombia as the country for removal pursuant to Section 240(d) of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1229a(d).

WHEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, pursuant to Section 238(c) of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1228(c), that the defendant shall be removed from the United States promptly upon his release from confinement, or, if the defendant is not sentenced to a term of imprisonment, promptly upon his sentencing, and that the defendant be ordered removed to Colombia.

Dated: New York, New York

Jour 12, 2024

HONORABLE LEWIS A. KAPLAN UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE